

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Conference Call

8:00 p.m.

May 8, 2014

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Chris Kolstad, Chairman

Bruce Myllymaki, Director

Leonard Schock, Director

Not Present: Randy Hinebauch, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director

Tom Siderius, Director

Frank Schoonover, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop

Not Present: Dr. Glenn Duff, Interim Dean of Agriculture, MSU

STAFF

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Cassidy Marn, Marketing Program Manager

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget and Grant Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Lola Raska, Executive Vice President, Montana Grain Growers Association

Ryan McCormick, Past President, Montana Grain Growers

Terry Whiteside, Freight Traffic Consultant, Whiteside and Associates

John Cutler, Attorney

Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture

Cort Jensen, Chief Staff Attorney, Department of Agriculture

Chris Christiaens, Legislative & Project Specialist, Montana Farmers Union

Dan Kidd, Producer

Lochiel Edwards, Board Member, Montana Grains Foundation

Chairman Chris Kolstad called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Chris asked for a roll call of board members and guests.

Director Hinebauch spoke with Executive Vice President Watters before the meeting and let him know that he would proxy his vote to Director Schock.

Director Myllymaki moved to adopt the tentative agenda with changes and Director Schoonover seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously

Chairman Kolstad called for public comment and heard none.

Department of Agriculture:

Director de Yong informed the committee that the department will be hiring a new attorney who will be working on contract issues, transportation, etc. The attorney will be hired in June and work with Cort Jensen.

Director de Yong will be speaking with the Governor about transportation issues and keeping him up-to-date on any progress or set-backs.

Transportation Sub-committee report:

Directors Schock and Schoonover expressed to the board that the current transportation issues have become more urgent since the budget meeting. The meetings with the STB seem to be working and it is a good relationship and we don't want to lose that.

Explanation of Work:

Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Cutler gave a brief history of the current situation of how the proposal will encourage the STB to rethink the captive shipper rules.

Director Schock moved to fund the grant proposal submitted by John Cutler for the amount of \$24,500, in the FY15 budget. Director Schoonover seconded the motion.

There was a question to Cort Jensen about whether the board could modify Mr. Whiteside's contract to up his funding, Cort responded that there were multiple ways to do it.

Dan Kidd requested to speak to the committee, he was concerned about Canadian grain coming into the country and causing delays in our railways. He also reminded the board that there is a system in place for formal mediation and arbitration with the railroad.

A verbal vote was requested for the John Cutler grant proposal:

Director Schoonover: Yes
Director Schock: Yes
Director Siderius: Yes
Director Myllymaki: Yes
Director Mattelin: Yes
Chairman Kolstad: Yes

Travel:

The Latin American Buyer Conference was discussed and a decision to send Director Schoonover and Executive Vice President Watters was determined.

June 2-4 National Barley Growers Meeting – Fargo,ND

Director Schoonover moved to accept the new travel and Director Mattelin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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There was a brief discussion about paying for indirect services in grants; Director Schock asked that it be discussed at the next board meeting.

Motions:

Director Myllymaki moved to provide \$157,000 + \$26,250 = \$183,250 for National Association of Wheat Growers and National Barley Growers Association memberships to Montana Grain Growers Association, and require Montana Grain Growers to report on the use and outcomes of funding. It was seconded by Director Schock. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Siderius moved to fund equipment purchases for the State Grain Lab (\$25,000), Northwestern Ag Research Station (\$24,000) and MSU (\$9,300) from FY14 budget. It was seconded by Director Myllymaki. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Mattelin moved to approve the use of MWBC funds for the MSU Endowed Chair startup costs as detailed in the document provided by MSU Alumni Foundation. It was seconded by Director Schoonover. After a brief discussion it was decided that Cort Jensen would talk to the Foundation and this motion would be tabled for now.

Chairman Kolstad called for public comment and heard none.

Chairman Kolstad adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Date